(Ireland.)

PAPERS

RELATING TO THE

FOUNDLING HOSPITAL OF DUBLIN.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed*, 4 *May* 1824.

— 1 —

A RETURN of the Number of Children admitted into The FOUNDLING HOSPITAL of *Dublin*, during each of the last six years; and of the Number of Deaths which have taken place therein; distinguishing the Children received from the City of Dublin.

YEAR.	ADMITTED, from the Country.	ADMITTED, from the City.	TOTAL.	DIED in NURSERY.
1818 - -	919	683	1,602	223
1819 - -	1,138	650	1,788	201
1820 - -	1,114	534	1,648	217
1821 - -	526	348	874	104
1822 - -	110	308	418	39
1823 - -	331	158	489	18
Total - - -	4,138	2,681	6,819	802

Admitted from the Country parts of Ireland, for six years, ending 31st December 1823 - - - - - - - -	4,138
Admitted from the City of Dublin, during same period - -	2,681
Total - - -	6,819
Died in the Nursery - - - - - -	802

N. B.—No Child admitted into the Hospital above the age of twelve months.

By Order,

Foundling Hospital, Dublin, 27th April 1824.

Thos Finlay, Register

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—2.—

COPIES OF ALL ORDERS, issued during the last seven years, regulating the Admission of Children into the Foundling Hospital of Dublin.

17th April 1817.

ORDERED, THAT a Special Board be summoned, to take into consideration the period to be fixed for suspending Admissions in the ensuing year. A full attendance to he particularly requested in the summonses.

24th April 1817.

Resolved, unanimously, That the suspension of Admission of Infants into this Hospital, shall take place on the first day of January next; and that it shall be continued until the first day of April 1818.

Ordered, That due notice he given of the suspension of Admission of Infants for the next year, according to the terms of the Act of Parliament.

23d April 1818.

Resolved, That the Board he summoned on Thursday next, for the purpose of considering the period for which it will be expedient to shut the Hospital next year.

30th April 1818.

Ordered, That the doors of the Hospital be shut against the Admission of Infants from the Country, during the months of Decemher, January, February and March next.

29th April 1819.

Ordered, That a Special Board he summoned for Thursday next, for the purpose of considering the period for which it will be expedient to shut the Hospital next year.

6th May 1819.

Ordered, That the Hospital be closed from the first of Novemher next, to the first of May 1820, being a period of six months.

17th August 1820.

Ordered, That the period for suspension of the Admission of Infants iuto this Hospital shall commence the twentieth day of Novemher next, and shall continue until the twentieth day of May 1821, or for such longer period, or under such regulations, as may he considered requisite under the Act of Parliament passed in the first year of His present Majesty.

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26th April 1821.

Ordered, That the following advertisement be inserted in the Dublin Evening Post six times.

Foundling Hospital, 26th April 1821.

The Governors of the Foundling Hospital give notice, that the suspension of the Admission of Infants from the country parts of Ireland, is further continued from the 20th of May to the 20th of August 1821.

16th August 1821.

Resolved, That it is expedient that this Hospital, which is to be opened on the 20th instant, for the reception of Infants from the country parts of Ireland, should be closed against the admission of such Children from the first of November next to the first of May 1822.

6th September 1821.

Ordered, That due notice be given, that the Hospital will be closed against the Admission of Country Children, from the first day of November next, to the first day of May 1822; or for such further period as may be deemed necessary, with the consent of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

7th March 1822.

Resolved, That it is expedient that this Hospital, which is to be opened on the first day of May 1822, for the reception of Infants from the country parts of Ireland, should be closed against the Admission of such Children from the said first day of May until the first day of September 1822; and that application be made to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for his consent to the same, pursuant to the Act passed in the 1st year of His present Majesty's reign, c. 29. s. 2.

21st March 1822.

Ordered, That due notice be given, that the Hospital will be closed against the admission of Country Children from the first day of May next, to the first day of September 1822, or for such further period as may be deemed necessary, with the consent of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

Ordered, That the following notice be inserted twice in each of the following newspapers; Dublin Evening Post, the Correspondent, and Freeman's Journal.

" The Governors of the Foundling Hospital give notice, that the Hospital will be closed against the Admission of Infants from the country parts of Ireland, from the first day of May next to the first day of September 1822.

25th July 1822.

The Governors having this day taken into consideration that part of the Act passed this Session of Parliament, which requires that from and after the first day of November 1822, no Child shall be received or admitted into the said Foundling Hospital in Dublin, unless at or before the time of offering such Child for admittance into the same, there shall be paid to the Register of said Hospital the sum of five pounds sterling of the currency of Ireland, for the use and support of the said Hospital, and of the Children belonging to the same;

Resolved, That pursuant to the powers vested in us by the 1st Geo. IV. c. 29, it seems to be expedient that the suspension of Admissions into this Hospital from the country parts of Ireland should be continued from the first day of September until the first day of November 1822.

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8th August 1822.

Ordered, That the following advertisement be printed and circulated through the country as generally as possible.

Dublin, 8th August 1822.

"The Governors of the Foundling Hospital, in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the 1st Geo. IV. c. 29, by and with the consent and approbation of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, hereby order, that no infant shall be received into the Hospital from any part of Ireland, (except the city of Dublin and the liberties thereof,) until the first of November 1822.

"And the Governors hereby give notice, that from and after the first day of November 1822, pursuant to an Act passed this Session of Parliament, no child shall be received or admitted into the Foundling Hospital in Dublin, unless at or before the time of offering such child for admittance into the same, there shall be paid to the Registrar of the said Hospital the sum of five pounds sterling of the currency of Ireland, for the use and support of the said Hospital, and of the Children belonging to the same; and unless there shall be delivered to the Porter of said Hospital with every child who shall be brought for the purpose of being received or admitted into the said Hospital, a certificate signed by the minister (or curate) and churchwardens of the parish from which such child shall be brought, certifying that such child has been exposed or deserted, and in danger of perishing; and that the said minister or curate and churchwardens have made diligent inquiry respecting the birth and parentage of such child, and that such child is to the best of their knowledge and belief under the age of twelve calendar months; and that they have not been able to discover the parents of such child, or either of them, or that both the parents of such child are dead."

By the Act passed this Session of Parliament, it is further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the overseers mentioned in the Act passed in the Parliament of Ireland, in the eleventh and twelfth years of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for the relief of poor Infants, who are or shall be deserted by their Parents;" and which Act was amended by an Act made in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of his said late Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for amending two Acts passed in the last Session, the one intituled, 'An Act for the relief of poor Infants who are or shall be deserted by their Parents;' the other intituled, 'An Act for preventing the spreading of Fires, and for appointing of Watches in Cities and Towns Corporate, and for other purposes within their respective Parishes,'" to apply the sum of five pounds in payment to the Foundling Hospital, Dublin, with any child or children, instead of applying such sum in the maintenance and education of such children within their respective parishes. And it is further enacted, that all and every the clauses, enactments, regulations and provisions, mentioned, enacted and given in and by the said before-recited Acts, shall from and after the fourth day of January 1823, have effect and be in force and put in execution in every parish within the city of Dublin, as if the said city had not been excepted out of the said Acts.

And it is further enacted, that if any person shall forge or counterfeit, or cause to be forged or counterfeited, any certificate of any minister or curate and churchwardens of any parish required by this Act, or shall knowingly deliver, or cause to be delivered or sent, to the Porter or any other Officer of the said Foundling Hospital in Dublin, any forged or counterfeited paper or writing, purporting to be such certificate, whether any person named in any such certificate, paper or writing as aforesaid, or any of them respectively, shall really be the minister or curate or churchwardens of such parish or not; every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to imprisonment, not exceeding the term of two years.

31st October 1822.

As the Act of Parliament, passed in the last session, for the government of the Hospital, will come into operation on the 1st November next,

Resolved, That the following Notice be published three times; *viz.* once a week, for three weeks, in each of the following newspapers, *viz.* The Patriot, Dublin Evening

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Evening Post, Saunders, Freeman, Newry, Derry, Belfast, Galway, Erne Packet, Limerick and Waterford papers.

Foundling Hospital, 31st October 1822.

Notice.—The Governors hereby give notice, that from and after the first day of November 1822, pursuant to an Act passed this Session of Parliament, no child shall be received or admitted into the Foundling Hospital in Dublin, unless at or before the time of offering such child for admittance into the same there shall be paid to the Registrar of the said Hospital the sum of five pounds sterling, of the currency of Ireland, for the use and support of the said Hospital, and of the Children belonging to the same.

And unless there shall be delivered to the Porter of said Hospital, with every child who shall be brought for the purpose of being received or admitted into the said Hospital, a certificate, signed by the minister (or curate) and churchwardens of the parish from which such child shall be brought, certifying that such child has been exposed or deserted, and in danger of perishing; and that the said minister (or curate) and churchwardens have made diligent inquiry respecting the birth and parentage of such child; and that such child is, to the best of their knowledge and belief, under the age of twelve calendar months; and that they have not been able to discover the parents of such child, or either of them, or that both parents of such child are dead.

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14th November 1822.

Resolved, That Children from the district of Dublin, liable to the Foundling Hospital tax, be received without payment of 5 *l.* with each, until the 5th January 1823. The regular certificates to be sent as usual.

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6th February 1823.

Ordered, That notices be immediately printed and circulated through Ireland, and also inserted twice in the Dublin Evening Post, the Correspondent, and Patriot newspapers, and the country papers, as lately;—That by the authority of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Hospital will be closed against the admission of Children from the country, from the 20th day of February 1823, until the 1st day of May next 1823.

23d October 1823.

Ordered, That notices be immediately printed and circulated through Ireland, and also inserted twice in the Dublin Evening Mail, the Dublin Evening Post, and Correspondent newspapers; stating, that the Hospital will be closed against the admission of Children from the country parts of Ireland, from the 20th day of November next, until the 1st day of May 1824.

Foundling Hospital, Dublin,
27th April 1824.

By Order,
Thos Finlay, Register.

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